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RECLAMATION FINDS NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON EFFECTS OF EXPANDING CITY OF SHASTA LAKE CONTRACT SERVICE AREA

Reclamation is announcing a Finding of No Significant Impact on a proposal to expand the contractor's service area for the delivery of water from the Central Valley Project (CVP) to several parcels of land located in the southwest corner of the City of Shasta Lake (Shasta Lake).

Shasta Lake's current contract allows CVP water to be used only within an area served by the former Shasta Dam Public Utility District, which before the incorporation of Shasta Lake in 1993 provided water to most of the area now within Shasta Lake's city limits. However, the contract between Shasta Lake and Reclamation excluded some land within Shasta Lake's city limits. One of the excluded parcels now contains the Knauf Fiber Glass manufacturing plant.

Limited amounts of CVP water are now supplied to this area under a subcontract with the Shasta County Water Agency, but the quantity is not enough to support long-term operation of the Knauf Project. Shasta Lake has ample supplies of reclaimed water and sufficient potable water which it could deliver to the Knauf plant provided Reclamation approves the inclusion of this area into Shasta Lake's Contract Service Area.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Reclamation has found that the proposed action will have no significant impacts on the environment, and an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

For additional information, contact Reclamation's Public Affairs Office at 916-978-5100 (TDD 916-978-5608).

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